Braydon

Braydon is to be congratulated on his leadership ability, positive attitude to learning and his consistent getting along with all students from K to year 6. Braydon is an exemplary role model to all students. His academic work is of a high standard and he is persistent in his efforts to improve in all areas of school work. Braydon is also an outstanding sportsman, representing the school at swimming and plays in the school and Armidale representative touch football team. He is definitely an all round high achieving student.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Touch Football Representatives
Over the weekend a number of students travelled to Port Macquarie for representative Touch Football. Braydon, Will, Tyler, Jye and Logan were members of the Armidale representative team.

The boys reported they won some games and despite cancellations on Sunday due to the fields being flooded the boys had a wonderful experience. The junior team made it through to the quarter finals and all said that they had a great time playing, especially in the rain.

Why is Regular Attendance Important?
Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children. If students miss the basic skills in the early years of schooling, they may have problems later on. Regular attendance at school will help your child with classwork and experience feelings of success. To put the need for regular attendance in perspective all you need to know is that if a child misses as few as eight days per term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education. We need to work together to ensure all children have the same opportunities to gain the benefits of a quality education.

Student Representative Council (SRC) Leaders
Class SRC representatives were elected by each class. Congratulations to:
K – Abby-Mae
1/2 - Amy and Cooper
3/4 - Ricki-Lee and Alex
5/6 – Cody and Jessica

The SRC is led by the school captains, Tashanta Kennedy and Braydon Mundy, and meet regularly to discuss initiatives at the school, provide feedback and suggest ideas for improvements for all the students at the school.

Swimming and Lake Ainsworth
Year 5 and 6 are participating in 4 weeks of water skills training before they leave for the Lake Ainsworth excursion in just 4 weeks. This extra swimming experience will ensure all students are confident in the water when sailing, kayaking and snorkelling during camp activities.

Personalised Learning Plans (PLP’s)
Every child in our school has a negotiated set our goals set each term in a PLP created through discussion between the parent/s, student and teacher. Each class teacher has a note for booking interview times for PLP’s.

Every term a discussion will take place to review goals and discuss student progress. It is expected that all parents will attend the meeting and assist their child to set personal goals.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Our students who competed at the Armidale Zone Swimming Carnival this Thursday were magnificent representatives of our school. The official results show that every child in every event swam at a time better than there qualifying time. A remarkable achievement!

Congratulations to all the students who gave their best at the carnival and proudly represented our school.

Welcome Back Big Breakfast
This Thursday 26th February the P and C will join with the Breakfast Club volunteers to host a “Welcome Back Big Breakfast”.

The Big Breakfast are always a great morning and will give parents a chance to meet their child’s teacher while enjoying a hearty breakfast.

Lake Ainsworth Medical Forms
Parents of 5/6 students going to Lake Ainsworth will be able complete the online medical form required to attend camp on Thursday at the school. This form can only be completed online and computers will be provided to complete during the breakfast.

Autumn Festival
The Armidale Autumn Festival Parade will be held on Saturday 14th March 2015. Newling will again be a part of this event. We have always had a good representation of students in the parade and trust that many students will again take part this year.

Please mark this date on your calendars. More details will be in next week’s Newling News.

Clean Up Australia Day
On Friday our students will be scouring the whole school in search of any rubbish in the annual “Clean Up Australia” schools day. After lunch Friday every class will have a designated area of the school to focus on and make sure that every area of our school is beautifully clean.

Star Awards
“You’re a Star Award” certificates were presented to a successful students who have been using the You Can Do It keys to success and demonstrating persistence, resilience, organisation, getting along and confidence.

Congratulations to our recipients: Kayalanna, Abby-Mae, Jye and Alaynah.

Each student gets to use the Star Room at lunchtimes during the week they receive their Star Award.

Murray Cox
Principal

Did you know?
Newling is the only local school with full class sets of touchscreen computers. We have had this technology for 4 years now!!
**Important Dates**

**February**
- Sydney Swans visit 24th
- Big Breakfast 26th
- 5/6 Swimming at UNE 25th
- Clean Up Australia Day 27th

**March**
- P and C AGM 2pm Wednesday 4th March
- Gathering - hosted by 1/2 6th March
- Autumn Festival Parade 14th March

**P and C Notices**

**Newling P&C**

The P&C is the group through which parents of students at Newling are able to participate in the running of the school - it’s a place to find out what is happening in the school, make a comment or ask a question.

Who is involved in the P&C? Any parent/carer is welcome to participate.

**What does the P&C do?**
- run the school clothing pool
- a voice for parents, carers and community members in school decision and plans
- provide feedback to the school Principal on the development & implementation of policies and programs
- a forum for parents to find out what is happening, or might happen, and what can be done to support the school
- raise much needed funds to support all students.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 4th March.

The P and C meet on 1st Wednesday of month at 2pm in the meeting room upstairs.

All are welcome to attend and we look forward to new parents joining this group.

**UNIFORM POOL**

Donations of school uniforms to the clothing pool will be most welcome. We are running low on boys uniform.

**EDWARDS COACHES**

We advise the students that from the 2nd March 2015, all bus passes must be shown to the driver. If there is no pass shown then the student will need to pay a fare of $1.50.

Anyone who does not have a bus pass issued is to please contact Edwards Coaches on (02) 6772 3116.

**Come and Try Day**

East Armidale Football Club

Sunday 28th February
9.30am-12.30pm

Doozy Park, Canambe Street, Armidale.

Join in with mini games, training and enjoy a free sausage sizzle and drink.

Registration for 2015-open to all current players and those thinking of playing with East Armidale this season. Ages 6-16.

Registration information will be available on the day. Further registration days to be held at the Armidale Ex-Services Club Auditorium-7th March and 14th March 10am-12pm.

For more information contact club president Steve Davies on 0411819934.

Club coaches-
- Mark Guynn on 0428 213 096
- Chet Davies on 0407 297 992

Club Managers Rick Whitely on 0411 473 598
- Tim Muir on 0409 919 489

**Happy Birthday to:**

- Watarah 28th Feb
- Sophie 27th Feb
- Cooper 28th Feb
**Junior Blues Rugby Union Football Club**—TRY Rugby & Viva 7s on 27 February at Moran Oval. To register contact development@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au or phone 0458 701 701

**Ex-Services Westside Soccer Club registration** day, 8 March at Jack Valance Oval Dumaresq St at 11am-1pm or register at myfootballclub.com.au

**Armidale Community Preschool Inc.** will be celebrating 50 years of early childhood education on Saturday 28th February at the preschool grounds or at PCYC if wet weather.

Bring a picnic and rug or a bbq will be available. No alcohol.

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**ABSENTEE NOTE**

(To be returned to Classroom Teacher first day back after absence)

STUDENT’S NAME…………………………………….. Class ………… Date of Absence/s ………………….

Reason for Absence

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Signature of Parent/Caregiver……………………………………… Date………………………………………...